

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF STATEWIDE WATER
SUSTAINABILITY AND AQUIFER STABILIZATION,
AND THE SECONDARY AQUIFER STABILIZATION,
AND SECONDARY AQUIFER PLANNING,
MANAGEMENT, AND IMPLEMENTATION FUND
FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET

RESOLUTION TO PASS FISCAL YEAR 2025
BUDGET

1 WHEREAS, House Bill 547 passed and approved by the 2014 Legislature allocates \$5 million
2 annually through 2019 from the Cigarette Tax to the Idaho Water Resource Board’s (IWRB) Secondary
3 Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund (Secondary Aquifer Fund) for statewide aquifer
4 stabilization; and

5 WHEREAS, House Bill 256 passed and approved by the 2019 Legislature allocated \$5 million in
6 ongoing General Fund dollars to the IWRB’s Secondary Aquifer Fund for statewide water sustainability
7 and aquifer stabilization; and

8 WHEREAS, un-allocated funds already in the Secondary Aquifer Fund will be carried forward into
9 the Fiscal Year 2025 budget; and

10 WHEREAS, many aquifers across Idaho are declining or have existing or potential conjunctive
11 administration water use conflicts, including the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, Mountain Home Aquifer,
12 Wood River Valley Aquifer, Big Lost Aquifer, Raft River Aquifer, Malad Valley Aquifer, Treasure Valley
13 Aquifer, Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer, Palouse Basin Aquifer, Lewiston Plateau Aquifer, and others; and

14 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho relies on spring discharge from the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer
15 (ESPA) through the Thousand Springs to assist in meeting the minimum streamflow water rights at the
16 Murphy Gage established under the Swan Falls Agreement; and

17 WHEREAS, prior to the initiation of significant aquifer stabilization efforts around 2014, the ESPA
18 had been losing approximately 216,000 acre-feet annually from aquifer storage since the 1950’s resulting
19 in declining ground water levels in the aquifer and declining spring flows from the aquifer; and

20 WHEREAS, during parts of 2013 and 2014 flows at the Murphy Gage approached the minimum
21 flow, and in 2015 flows at the Murphy Gage went below minimum flows; and

22 WHEREAS, the ESPA experienced conjunctive administration water use conflicts over the past two
23 decades that had the potential to significantly impact Idaho’s economy; and

24 WHEREAS, on June 30, 2015 members of the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators entered into an
25 agreement with the Surface Water Coalition whereby the ground water users agreed to reduce their
26 consumptive use from the ESPA by 240,000 acre-feet annually and take other actions, and

27 WHEREAS, the 2016 Idaho Legislature passed and approved Senate Concurrent Resolution 138
28 supporting this agreement; and

29 WHEREAS, the State Water Plan includes a goal to accomplish managed recharge in the ESPA
30 averaging 250,000 acre-feet annually; and

31 WHEREAS, the 2016 Idaho Legislature passed and approved Senate Concurrent Resolution 136
32 directing the IWRB to develop the capacity to achieve 250,000 acre-feet of annual average managed
33 recharge to the ESPA by December 31, 2024; and

34 WHEREAS, in 2018 the cities on the ESPA entered into an agreement with the Surface Water
35 Coalition and the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators whereby the cities agreed to enhance the ESPA by
36 an average of 7,650 acre-feet annually; and

37 WHEREAS, the 2019 Idaho Legislature passed and approved House Concurrent Resolution 10
38 supporting this agreement; and

39 WHEREAS, the ground water use reduction and managed recharge are together designed to
40 stabilize and then recover the ESPA; and

41 WHEREAS, a 2016 study commissioned by the IWRB predicts the growing Treasure Valley
42 population could result in an increase in Domestic, Commercial, Municipal, and Industrial water-demand
43 ranging from 109,000 to 188,000 acre-feet per year by the year 2065; and

44 WHEREAS, the IWRB approved development of the Treasure Valley Ground Water Model in
45 partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey to support future monitoring of ground water conditions,
46 water use, and administration of ground water and surface water rights, and approved entering into an
47 agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to complete the Boise River Storage Feasibility Study to
48 provide additional water supply through new surface water storage, and

49 WHEREAS, conjunctive administration water delivery calls have been made in the Big and Little
50 Wood River Basins against junior-priority upstream ground water uses; and

51 WHEREAS, the Mountain Home aquifer is being over-drafted by about 30,000 acre-feet annually;

52 WHEREAS, the deep aquifer in the Palouse Basin has been declining for decades despite
53 aggressive conservation measures; and

54 WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources recently enacted Ground Water Management
55 Areas in the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, Big Wood River Aquifer, Malad Valley Aquifer, Mountain Home

56 Aquifer and the Lewiston Plateau Aquifer in response to declining ground water levels in those aquifers;
57 and

58 WHEREAS, ground water levels in many aquifers are inadequate to sustain a supply of water for
59 surface and ground water irrigation, hydropower, municipal, industrial, and other uses, the curtailment
60 of which would cause severe economic harm to Idaho's economy; and

61 WHEREAS, the 2016 Idaho Legislature passed and approved Senate Concurrent Resolution 137
62 which recognized that stabilizing and enhancing aquifer levels is in the public interest, and directs the
63 IWRB to take actions in aquifers across the state to stabilize and enhance aquifer levels thereby
64 maintaining water supply for consumptive and non-consumptive uses and minimizing harm to Idaho's
65 economy arising from water supply shortages; and

66 WHEREAS, on May 13, 2024 the IWRB Finance Committee recommended the approval of a Fiscal
67 Year 2025 Budget for the use of available funds in the Secondary Aquifer Fund for statewide water
68 sustainability and aquifer stabilization purposes; and

69 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB adopts the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for the
70 continuously-appropriated Secondary Aquifer Planning, Management, and Implementation Fund as
71 shown in Attachment A to this resolution.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget may be adjusted if necessary based on the actual
73 amount of Cigarette Tax funds received, interest income received, or the actual amount of carry-over from
74 Fiscal Year 2024.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that expenditures for identified ESPA managed recharge operations,
76 investigations, and engineering for further ESPA managed recharge capacity development may proceed
77 with no further approvals; however, the IWRB shall be kept apprised of such expenditures.

78 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that expenditures for monitoring in support of the Treasure Valley
79 model and Big Lost Ground Water Model, and for hydrologic studies/monitoring in the Portneuf Basin/
80 Raft River Basin/Mid Snake Basin, for statewide surface water and aquifer monitoring, new monitoring
81 wells and instrumentation for ESPAM data gaps, Lemhi/Palouse/Bear River water sustainability projects,
82 to support the settlement in the Wood River Basin, professional assistance for securing federal funding,
83 and administrative expenses may proceed with no further approvals; however, the IWRB shall be kept
84 apprised of such expenditures.

85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that expenditures for the Operations and Maintenance costs for the
86 Cooperative Cloud Seeding Program may proceed with no further approvals; however, the IWRB shall be
87 kept apprised of such expenditures. Further, it is the IWRB's stated goal that both the state and the water
88 users financially participate with Idaho Power in the Cooperative Cloud Seeding Program.

89 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB may modify this budget during Fiscal Year 2025 at a
90 properly noticed meeting of the IWRB.

DATED this 24th day of May 2024.



Jeff Raybould, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

Dean Stevenson, Secretary

ATTACHMENT A: Resolution 24-2024
FY2025 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE SECONDARY AQUIFER FUND

Estimated Carry-Over From FY24	\$	4,000,000
General Fund (SB 1269; 2024)	\$	5,000,000
HB547 funds - receipt of Cigarette Tax proceeds	\$	5,000,000
Estimated interest	\$	750,000
TOTAL	\$	14,750,000

Category		Sub-Category	FY25 Proposed
ESPA MANAGED RECHARGE PROGRAM			
ESPA Recharge Operations	Conveyance Cost		\$3,500,000 **
	O&M (equipment, supplies, operational fees, etc.)		\$200,000
	Recharge Monitoring		\$550,000
	TOTAL		\$4,250,000
	ESPA Recharge Investigations	Budgeted Investigations	Recharge site characterization & canal capacity investigations
TOTAL		\$500,000	
PROGRAM TOTAL			\$4,750,000
CLOUD SEEDING PROGRAM			
Operations & Maintenance	Upper Snake River Basin	2024-2025 Project Operations - Aircraft & Remote Ground (=2/3 * \$1,675,000)	\$1,117,225
	Wood River Basin	2024-2025 Project Operations - Aircraft & Remote Ground (=2/3 * \$765,000)	\$510,255
	Boise River Basin	2024-2025 Project Operations - Aircraft & Remote Ground (=2/3 * \$1,010,000)	\$673,670
	Collaborative Program	Estimated Water User Contributions	(\$430,000)
	HCRC Program	2024-2025 Upper Snake Project Operations - Manual Ground	\$60,000 *
	Technology	Administration Operational Modeling and Computing	\$60,000
TOTAL		\$1,991,150	
Capital	Weather Instrumentation	(Existing) Replacement/Enhancement/Upgrade	\$200,000 *
		(Statewide) New Devices	\$0
	Technology	(Infrastructure) Computing and Modeling	\$1,100,000 *
	Equipment	Remote Ground Generators	\$0
TOTAL		\$1,300,000	
Research & Development	Technology	(Development) Weather Instrumentation and Modeling	\$1,000,000 *
	Investigations	Analysis/Assessments, cost share for research to support policy questions	\$600,000 *
	New Basins	Infrastructure, investigations, administration Bear River Basin	\$300,000 *
	Reserve	Additional Program Costs	\$250,000
TOTAL		\$2,150,000	
PROGRAM TOTAL			\$5,441,150
TREASURE VALLEY			
		Monitoring in support of the Treasure Valley model (annual)	\$145,000
TOTAL		\$145,000	
RAFT RIVER			
		Raft River Hydrologic Studies and Monitoring	\$50,000
RAFT RIVER TOTAL		\$50,000	
PORTNEUF BASIN			
		Portneuf Hydrogeologic Study (Year 2 of 4)	\$150,000
TOTAL		\$150,000	
BEAR RIVER BASIN			
		Water Sustainability	\$100,000
TOTAL		\$100,000	
LEMHI BASIN			
		Support of Water Sustainability Initiatives per settlement	\$100,000
TOTAL		\$100,000	
MID-SNAKE BASIN			
		Mid-Snake Water Quality Monitoring (annual)	\$50,000
TOTAL		\$50,000	
PALOUSE BASIN			
		Water Supply Project	\$200,000 *
TOTAL		\$200,000	
MOUNTAIN HOME BASIN			
		Groundwater Model Development Year 1 of 4	\$250,000 *
TOTAL		\$250,000	
BIG LOST BASIN			
		Monitoring in support of Big Lost model development (annual)	\$120,000
TOTAL		\$120,000	
WOOD RIVER BASIN			
		Conservation, infrastructure fund associated with settlement (year 3 of 3)	\$200,000
		Camas GW characterization, drilling, water levels associated with settlement (year 3 of 3)	\$300,000
TOTAL		\$500,000	
HYDROLOGY ACTIVITIES			
		ESPA monitoring	\$250,000
		Statewide surface water and aquifer monitoring	\$450,000
		New monitoring wells and instrumentation for ESPAM data gaps	\$300,000
TOTAL		\$1,000,000	
STATEWIDE			
		Professional Services (includes media & federal outreach services) and administrative costs	\$300,000
TOTAL		\$300,000	
GRAND TOTAL			\$13,156,150
Reserve for Work in Other Priority Aquifers Total			\$ 1,593,850

*These items will require the IWRB pass an additional resolution to authorize funding.

**Since FY2019, \$3.5 M has been budgeted for ESPA Recharge Conveyance annually with the understanding that money budgeted but not spent within a fiscal year would stay committed and accrue for years when there is a large magnitude of water available for managed recharge. Counting the current fiscal year (FY24) there is ~\$8.5 M reserved for future conveyance fees.

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF AGING WATER
INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CRITERIA

1 WHEREAS, House Bill 361 passed and approved in 2023 by the Idaho Legislature
2 appropriated to the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) \$50,000,000 to be used for
3 expenditures, loans, or grants for water projects, including studies, to address water
4 sustainability, rehabilitate or improve aging water infrastructure
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6 WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature provided that these moneys shall be used for grants and
7 directed the IWRB to develop criteria, taking into account the public's input for the expenditures
8 of money for grants, which shall be competitive, matching grants that prioritize projects based
9 on the public benefits they provide. Considerations of public benefits should include the
10 protection of existing water rights, the uses identified in Section 42-1760(2)(d), Idaho Code,
11 which include consideration of the value of existing hydropower to the state's economy,
12 providing water for future development, and addressing aging water storage and delivery
13 infrastructure for projects that provide environmental, safety, or recreational benefits; and
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15 WHEREAS, staff prepared an updated criteria for the award for Aging Infrastructure
16 Grants based upon feedback from previous funding rounds; and
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18 WHEREAS, on May 13th 2024 the IWRB's Finance Committee met to discuss the updated
19 Aging Infrastructure Grant criteria developed by staff. The Finance Committee recommended
20 the attached criteria be adopted by the IWRB; and
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22 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB adopts the attached criteria for the
23 award of Aging Infrastructure Grants.

DATED this 24th day of May 2024.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

IWRB Aging Infrastructure Grant Criteria

The Idaho legislature has appropriated to the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) funding to be used for grants for water projects to **rehabilitate or improve aging water infrastructure**. The legislature provided that “no more than one-third of these moneys shall be used for grants”, and directed the IWRB to:

develop criteria, taking into account the public's input for the expenditures of money for **grants**, which shall **be competitive, matching grants that prioritize projects based on the public benefits they provide**. Considerations of public benefits should include the protection of existing water rights, the uses identified in Section 42-1760(2)(d), Idaho Code, which include consideration of the value of existing hydropower to the state's economy, providing water for future development, and addressing aging water storage and delivery infrastructure for projects that provide environmental, safety, or recreational benefits. H.B. 769, § 7.

Projects that rehabilitate or improve Idaho’s water infrastructure support the Idaho economy, provide economic value, and ensures long-term water resource stability and sustainability. Pursuant to House Bill 769, the IWRB has developed these criteria to provide financial assistance on a statewide competitive basis through grants to eligible entities interested in pursuing eligible projects to rehabilitate or improve aging water infrastructure.

Eligible Projects: The IWRB defines an aging water infrastructure project as any new project, or new phase of an improvement project intended to repair, maintain, replace, or improve existing infrastructure that supports irrigation water delivery, storage, drainage, treatment, and use of water for irrigation. Projects that are already completed or underway by the application deadline are not eligible for this funding opportunity. Additionally, for purposes of this grant program, the term ‘aging water infrastructure’ does not include municipal drinking or wastewater systems.

Eligible Entities: Irrigation Districts, Irrigation Boards of Control, Canal Companies, Drainage Districts, Groundwater Districts, Ditch Companies, Lateral Ditch Users Associations, Reservoir Districts, Municipal Irrigation Districts (formed per Title 42, chapter 18, Idaho Code), Municipalities, Counties and Water Districts

Eligible Geographic Area: Statewide

Grant Considerations:

- IWRB grant portion cannot exceed 1/3rd (33%) of total project costs.
- In-kind services can be used for 30% of the total projects costs. Legal/Administrative in-kind services are limited to 5% of total project costs.

- Funding awards may be reallocated if a project is not completed within the grant period of the grant award contract.
- Permits are not required during the application phase. For those projects that are funded and require local, state, or federal permitting, funding reimbursement will not be made unless the project is fully permitted. Sponsor is responsible for providing permit documentation to IWRB staff, if requested.
- Costs incurred after IWRB grant funding award are eligible for reimbursement. Reimbursement requests can be made once a cost-reimbursement contract is established between Sponsor and IWRB. No reimbursement will be made until contracts are fully executed.

Grant Award Limit: \$2 million

Grant Application Requirements: Grant applications will require the applicant to provide the following information:

- Project background (infrastructure description, repair, rehabilitation, improvement needs/objectives/benefits)
- Project sponsor description (organization type, background, revenue sources, current operations)
- Project description (narrative, map, conceptual plan and design, land entitlements at project location, description of any known environmental issues).
- Cost estimate and budget
- Project funding sources (IWRB grant, other state and federal grants, sponsor's contribution)
- Project implementation schedule

Evaluation Criteria: To maximize the effective and efficient use of available funds, grant applications submitted by eligible entities for eligible projects will be evaluated, scored (*100-point scale*), and ranked according to the following criteria. Project scoring will be used to prioritize funding. Applications shall discuss how the project under consideration meets the evaluation criteria.

Project Proposal Clarity and Detail (*up to 30 points*)

- Clarity and detail of project proposal: need, description, budget and benefits (*up to 10 points*)
- Plans and specifications included with the grant application (*up to 10 points*)
- Description of the personnel (sponsor employees, contractors and/or volunteers) that will plan, design, construct and implement the proposed project (descriptions may include the number, qualifications (resumes if applicable) and time of personnel that will be involved in the project. (*up to 10 points*)

Public Interest of Project (*up to 30 points*)

- Economic values supported by the infrastructure, including consideration of the communities, irrigated acres, provision of water for future development and economic activity served by the water infrastructure (*up to 20 points*)
- Uses/benefits identified in Section 42-1760(2)(d), Idaho Code (*up to 10 points*):
 - water quality
 - fish and wildlife
 - recreation
 - hydropower
 - water supply stability and sustainability
 - drought resiliency
 - public safety
 - other benefits to the citizens of the State

Urgency and Effectiveness of Project (*up to 30 points*)

- Urgency of the project (e.g., infrastructure age, infrastructure function) (*up to 20 points*)
- Effectiveness of the proposal in accomplishing project objectives and benefits (e.g., nature and magnitude of operational efficiency improvement and/or water savings) (*up to 5 points*)
- Budget cost/benefit (i.e., reasonableness of labor and materials costs, comparison of those costs to project outcomes) (*up to 5 points*)

Organizational Capacity of Applicant (*up to 10 points*)

- Has the sponsor demonstrated the capacity, authority and ability to complete the project? Demonstration may include a synopsis of the sponsor's organization and descriptions of similar projects completed by the Sponsor. (*up to 10 points*)

Grant Process:

- Application deadline will be set by IWRB for each round
- IWRB staff will make project funding recommendations to IWRB Finance Committee
- IWRB reviews Finance Committee recommendations and makes grant funding awards
- IWRB staff will notify project applicants of grant approval.
- Project sponsors will provide notice to the IWRB of acceptance of funding within 90 days after they have been notified of grant approval.
- Grant contracts between the IWRB and project sponsors will be developed and executed following IWRB funding awards.

- During and/or after project implementation, IWRB will distribute and/or reimburse grantees for projects costs per those contracts. Grant reimbursement requests should be sent to IdwrPayable@idwr.idaho.gov
- Additional funding rounds will be held if more funding becomes available.

IWRB Districts are:

District No. 1: Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis and Idaho counties.

District No. 2: Adams, Valley, Washington, Payette, Gem, Boise, Canyon, Ada, Elmore and Owyhee counties.

District No. 3: Camas, Gooding, Jerome, Twin Falls, Cassia, Blaine, Lincoln, Minidoka, Lemhi, Custer and Butte counties.

District No. 4: Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bingham, Bonneville, Power, Bannock, Caribou, Oneida, Franklin and Bear Lake counties.

** No more than 50% of the total budget may be spent within a single IWRB district. This limit may be waived if there are no competing funding demands.*

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF PRIEST LAKE OUTLET
DAM OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE
SERVICES

RESOLUTION TO FUND OPERATIONS AND
MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS FOR FIVE
YEARS

1 WHEREAS, the State of Idaho owns the Priest Lake Outlet Dam (Dam) which was constructed in
2 1950 and reconstructed in 1978 as an outlet control structure to maintain lake levels in Priest Lake in
3 accordance with Idaho Code §70-507; and
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5 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1261, passed and approved by the 2018 Legislature, updated Idaho Code
6 §70-507 to clarify that management of the Dam is under the jurisdiction of the Idaho Water Resource
7 Board; and
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9 WHEREAS, operation and maintenance of the dam requires knowledge and skills that are unique
10 to the Dam; and
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12 WHEREAS, The Idaho Division of Purchasing has approved a five-year service contract exemption
13 permitting the Board to contract for five years provided that 1) Total costs do not exceed \$150,000 and
14 that 2) Contracts be renewed in 1 year increments;
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16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes the expenditure of funds, not to
17 exceed \$150,000, from the Revolving Development Account to procure dam operation and maintenance
18 services during Fiscal years 2025 through 2029; and
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20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its Executive Manager or
21 designee to sign all contracts needed to procure operation and maintenance services for the Dam over
22 the next five years.

DATED this 24th day of May 2024.



Jeff Raybould, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

Dean Stevenson, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF PRIEST LAKE CONSTRUCTION
LITIGATION

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FUNDS FOR
OUTSIDE COUNSEL

1 WHEREAS, on August 20, 2020, the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) and Strider Construction
2 Co., Inc. (Strider) entered a construction contract for improvements to the Priest Lake Outlet Dam; and
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4 WHEREAS, on July 27, 2022, Strider submitted a notice of termination of the contract; and
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6 WHEREAS, on July 29, 2022, Strider filed a lawsuit against the IWRB related to the contract; and
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8 WHEREAS, on August 23, 2022, the IWRB filed a counterclaim against Strider; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) determined that it was necessary and
11 appropriate to retain the private law firm of Kirton McConkie (Counsel) to assist the OAG in the
12 representation of the IWRB's interest in the defense of litigation with Strider; and
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14 WHEREAS, on September 27, 2022, the Board entered into an agreement for Professional Services
15 with the firm of Kirton McConkie on the Strider matter; and
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17 WHEREAS, on January 20, 2023, the Board authorized expenditure of up to \$370,000 from the
18 Water Management Account to defray the costs of litigation in the Strider matter; and
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20 WHEREAS, on July 21, 2023 the Board authorized expenditure of an additional \$815,000 from the
21 Water Management Account to defray the costs of litigation in the Strider matter; and
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23 WHEREAS, the funds authorized in January and July have been expended; and
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25 WHEREAS, Kirton McConkie has estimated that the costs of litigation in the Strider matter for the
26 next 6 months could be as much as \$280,000.00; and
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28 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the IWRB authorizes expenditure of up to \$280,000.00
29 from the Water Management Account to defray the costs of litigation in the Strider matter; and
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31 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB authorizes its chairman or designee,
32 to execute the necessary agreements or contracts for the purpose of this resolution.

DATED this 24th day of May 2024.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE REGIONAL
WATER SUSTAINABILITY PRIORITY LIST

RESOLUTION TO ADD A PROJECT TO THE
LIST

1 WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature, through House Bill 769 passed in 2022 appropriated \$75
2 Million to the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) to be used for certain ARPA-eligible water
3 projects and projects that have been identified by the IWRB as high priority sustainability
4 projects; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature, through House Bill 361 passed in 2023 appropriated
7 \$150 Million to the IWRB to be used for certain ARPA-eligible water projects and projects that
8 have been identified by the IWRB as high priority sustainability projects; and

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10 WHEREAS, in July 2021 the IWRB adopted an initial Regional Water Sustainability Priority
11 List (List) to help guide the Idaho Water Resource Board's (IWRB's) spending for large, regional
12 water sustainability projects from ARPA funds, state general funds, or other applicable sources;
13 and

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15 WHEREAS, in January 2022 the IWRB adopted threshold criteria indicating that for a
16 project to be included on the List it must "help achieve water supply sustainability on a regional,
17 basin-wide, or state wide basis;" and

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19 WHEREAS, on October 26th, 2022, the IWRB adopted criteria for the inclusion of projects
20 on the List; and

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22 WHEREAS, the IWRB updated the List on January 20th 2023 (resolution # 03-2023) and
23 again on March 29th 2024 (resolution #20-2024); and

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25 WHEREAS, on May 6th 2024 the Storage Committee recommended the Finance
26 Committee consider adding the Upper Payette Basin Storage Project to the Regional Water
27 Sustainability Priority List; and


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29 WHEREAS, on May 13th 2024 the Finance Committee recommended the Upper Payette
30 Basin Storage Project be added to the Regional Water Sustainability Priority List; and

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32 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Upper Payette Basin Storage Project is added to
33 the Regional Water Sustainability Priority List.

DATED this 24th day of May 2024.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE FARMERS LAND &
IRRIGATION COMPANY LOAN REQUEST

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE LOAN FUNDING
FOR COSTS RELATED TO DIVERSION WORKS
REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS

1 WHEREAS, Farmers Land & Irrigation Company (Company) submitted a loan application to the
2 Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) in the amount of \$185,333 to cover costs associated with the repair
3 and replacement of the existing Soda Creek diversion works; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Company was established in the 1890s and currently delivers approximately
6 11,000 acre-feet of irrigation water across 4,300 acres for 22 shareholders; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Soda Creek diversion works were constructed in 1923 and repairs are no longer
9 economically feasible; and
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11 WHEREAS, the proposal is requesting funds to rebuild the structure allowing the Company to
12 better control diversions during both the irrigation season and non-irrigation season; and
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14 WHEREAS, alternative options were explored but did not provide the Company a long-term
15 solution to deliver irrigation water to their patrons; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Company will increase assessments to their shareholders, beginning in February
18 2025, to cover costs associated with the annual loan payments; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Company is a qualified applicant, and the proposed Project is eligible for a loan
21 from the Board's Water Management Account; and
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23 WHEREAS, the proposed Project is in the public interest and is in compliance with the State
24 Water Plan.
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26 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IWRB provides authority to the Chairman
27 of the Idaho Water Resource Board, or his designee, to enter into contracts, to effectuate the loan, with
28 the Company on behalf of the IWRB.
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30 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves a loan not to exceed \$185,333 from
31 the Water Management Account at 8.5 % interest with a 15-year repayment term.
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33 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the approval of the loan are
34 subject to the following conditions:
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- 36 1) The Company shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations that apply to the
37 proposed Project.

- 38 2) Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the Company shall comply with all statutory
39 requirements for incurring debt.
40 3) Prior to the disbursement of any funds, the Company will provide acceptable security for the
41 loan to the IWRB.
42 4) The IWRB reserves the opportunity to review the proposal at any time prior to the execution
43 of the contract.
44 5) The Company shall be under contract within 60 days of the date of this resolution unless
45 otherwise approved by the IWRB.

DATED this 24th day of May 2024.



JEFF RAYBOULD, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

DEAN STEVENSON, Secretary

BEFORE THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF BOISE CITY CANAL COMPANY
CONTRACT EXTENSION REQUEST

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN EXTENSION
TO ACT ON CONTRACT IWRB1041

1 WHEREAS, Boise City Canal Company (Company) submitted a loan application to the Idaho
2 Water Resource Board (IWRB) in the amount of \$200,000.00 from the Revolving Development account
3 to cover costs associated with the repair and improvement of existing delivery infrastructure; and
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5 WHEREAS, the total estimated cost for the Project is approximately \$422,000, and the Company
6 has secured additional funding in the amount of \$122,000 from the Board's Aging Infrastructure grant
7 program; and
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9 WHEREAS, the application for BCCC was approved by the IWRB; and,
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11 WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce the financial burden to their patrons, BCCC is using the grant
12 funding to accomplish as much work as possible prior to drawing on the loan; and,
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14 WHEREAS, in consideration of the financial decisions BCCC is making on behalf of their patrons,
15 staff would recommend an extension on the contracts through December 2025, providing sufficient
16 time to complete work under the grant funding;
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18 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the IWRB approves the extension of time to act on
19 contract IWRB1041 for the Boise City Canal Company, through December 2025.
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21 NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and the approval of the
22 extension of time are subject to the following conditions:
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- 24 1) BCCC shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations to the proposed Project.
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DATED this 24th day of May 2024.



Jeff Raybould, Chairman
Idaho Water Resource Board

ATTEST 

Dean Stevenson, Secretary